

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Chat C. Do

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-10 and 12-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1 and 11 are cancelled by applicant.
2. Claims 2-10 and 12-17 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of records fails to disclose or render an obvious of a method and processor for performing a multiply-add instruction on a multiplicands and an addend wherein the result is being a canonical-form extended-precision floating point number having high and low order component comprising a control logic to compute the high and low order of the result based on the determination of the conditional differential values of the exponents as cited in an independent claim 2; the concatenation the high order word of the shifted mantissa of addend with a add-out value and determining if the normalized pre-dl value requires modification and modifying as required as cited in independent claims 5 and 14; and further supplied a selected predetermined value to an adder to decrement the low order word mantissa of the extended-precision result where the high order word mantissa of the extended-precision result is incremented by the rounder as cited in an independent claim 12.

The closest prior art found is Markstein et al. (U.S. 5,631,859). Markdstein et al. disclose a floating-point arithmetic unit having logic for quad precision arithmetic for performing multiplication and addition. However, Markstein et al. fails to provide detail limitations as cited above by the present invention including a control logic to compute the high and low order of the result based on the determination of the conditional

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differential values of the exponents; the concatenation the high order word of the shifted mantissa of addend with a add-out value and determining if the normalized pre-dl value requires modification and modifying as required; and further supplied a selected predetermined value to an adder to decrement the low order word mantissa of the extended-precision result where the high order word mantissa of the extended-precision result is incremented by the rounder.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (703) 305-5655. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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